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Winter Trip Great Success

Northern Tour an Artistic and Financial Triumph

On Wednesday of last week the Musical Clubs left for their annual mid-winter trip. The section to be covered this year was the northern part of the state, and for once the weather was ideal with the single exception of one bad storm. This occurred on Thursday night during the Watertown concert, and prevented a great many admirers of Hamilton's Musical Clubs from being present at the concert. This, however, was the only incident which in any way marred the pleasure of the trip. Owing to the very efficient and careful efforts of Manager Engs, everything moved like clockwork, and the Clubs returned on Sunday afternoon just in time for Chapel having completed one of the most successful trips in the history of the college, artistic triumphs and finances both being considered.

Leaving Utica according to schedule, the Clubs arrived in Lowville during the middle of the afternoon, the men, with few exceptions, putting up at the Windsor House. The concert was under the care of the management and, thanks to fair weather, a large and appreciative audience greeted the efforts of the Clubs. As in each town, encores were generously responded to, making the program more than twice its ordinary length. Following the concert a smoker was given at the Lowville Club, an event which was one of the most enjoyable social functions during the trip.

Thursday morning came with fine weather, and by noon the Clubs found themselves in Watertown, the remembrance of the good times enjoyed in Lowville being still vivid. But the weather was not so kind as that of the day previous, for early in the evening the snow began to fall heavily, and soon made walking difficult. Notwithstanding this fact, the Opera House was well filled and soon all thought of the stormy elements was forgotten in the heartiness and cordiality with which the audience responded. The numbers all went off with more than usual snap and smoothness. The Concert was in charge of the Alumni of Watertown and cordial appreciation is due the efforts of Bennett and LeMunyan, '06. After the concert the Clubs repaired to the Watertown Club, where they were allowed the full privileges of the organization. A Dutch dinner was served, after which a number of the Alumni were called upon to respond. Everyone had a most enjoyable time, thanks to Smith, '90, and Taggart, '96, both of whom entertained the Clubs in royal fashion, and there was universal regret when the gathering was compelled to break up.

Oswego was the next stop. This was the first appearance of the Hamilton Clubs in Oswego, and, judging by the enthusiasm with which they were received, it will not be the last by any means. The Concert was under the auspices of the Mail Carriers of Oswego, and here the clubs sang before one of the largest audiences in some years, over 1,100 seats having been sold in advance. Following the concert a reception was given by the ladies of the Eastern Star, and was greatly enjoyed by all.

The final Concert was in Mexico. Here it seemed as tho the arctic regions had really been discovered, the snow being several feet deep. But the weather continued fine and a large audience greeted the Clubs in a cordial and appreciative manner. Tho some of the voices showed signs of the wear-and-tear of the trip, the concert was easily up to the standard, and it is needless to say that Mexico was more than pleased. It being Saturday night, no entertainment was planned, and the Clubs enjoyed a much-needed rest.

The following morning, Sunday, a four-mile drive was necessary in order to catch the train for Syracuse. The Clubs were stowed away in four sleighs and it was a merry party that left the village of Mexico on Sunday morning.

Lack of cuts, sickness in the family, etc., however, deprived the Instrumental Club of five men. The violin duet to be rendered by Heidner and Woods, '13, was altogether omitted, inasmuch as both men were unable to go on the trip. This was extremely unfortunate, as the number was one of the best on the program. Despite this loss, however, we do not hesitate to class this trip as one of the most successful mid-winter tours ever taken. The following clipping will show what outsiders think of the entertainment given last week:

"A large and very appreciative audience greeted the Hamilton College Glee and Mandolin Clubs on their annual visit to Lowville last evening. With a program, every number of which was good, the Hamilton boys certainly pleased their audience and were encored repeatedly. The Glee and Mandolin Clubs in their choruses and musical numbers, were well-balanced and showed the result of careful coaching and hard practice. In the solo work Mr. Hastings, assisted by a mandolin quintette, sang the "The Little Galway Cloak," with sweetness and effect, and responded to an encore. "Any Old Port in a Storm" was well rendered by Mr. Allen. Mr. Sarles, in his "Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind," completely captured his audience. He has a powerful and sympathetic voice, of great promise, and uses it with effect. The Quartette made the hit of the evening and responded to six encores.

Without disparagement to the concents given in former years in Lowville by the Hamilton boys, that of last evening was certainly the finest for general excellence and finish and will be remembered by those who were so fortunate as to be present."

—*Lowville Journal and Republican.*

On Friday evening of this week the Clubs will sing in Little Falls.

More Teachers Wanted

During February 22-26, Dr. Peter Roberts, who has organized several hundred successful English classes for foreigners, will make a thoro investigation of the conditions in Utica and start schools in the Polish, Greek and Italian districts. No knowledge of the foreign language is necessary for English instruction by the Roberts method, as the teaching is oral, aided by pantomime. "Wide awake college men who will be faithful and patient" are welcomed by the Utica Y. M. C. A. as assistants. The men who were in charge of the English class for Italians last term are sure that no more interesting work was ever offered to Hamilton men. Those men who are

interested in studying at first hand the educational problems of the immigrant, and are willing to give up two or three evenings each month to this work, are asked to give their names to Knox, '10, today.

U. F. A. 36—FRESHMEN 12

Utica Free Academy was an easy winner over 1913 in their Basketball game last Friday evening at the Armory in Utica. The final score was 36 to 12, each team scoring half their points in each half. The Freshmen were minus the services of Griswold, who was with the Musical Clubs, and C. Root, '12, was played in his place.

Utica's strong point was their passwork, and in this department of the game they far outclassed their opponents, the playing of C. Weaver, Carr and R. Weaver being especially effective.

The game was played as a preliminary to the game between the 44th Separate Company, of Utica, and the Frankfort Independents.

The Freshmen have succeeded in scheduling games with neighboring teams and will meet several of them in the near future. It is expected that Wheelock, '13, will be back at his position at left guard, his sprained ankle having so far recovered as to permit his playing.

The line-up and summary of Friday's game follows:

U. F. A.		1913
Inman, Carr	Forwards	Root, (Lewis) Mahady
C. Weaver	Center	Woods
R. Weaver, Foley	Guards	Stone, Fear, (Root)

Baskets: Woods 3, Root 1, Mahady 1, R. Weaver 5, C. Weaver 4, Inman 2, Foley 2. Fouls: Woods 2, Inman 4. Referee: Childs. Halves, 20-15 min.

—At a memorial service to Abraham Lincoln in Warrensburg, N. Y., February 20th, Prof. Babcock was the principal speaker.

—A Senior class meeting was held last Monday in which it was voted that a tax of five dollars should be levied on each member of the class in order to clear up the *Hamiltonian* deficit.

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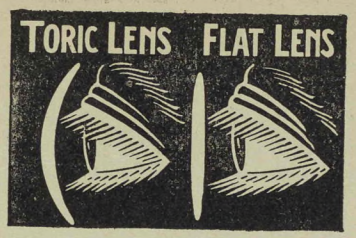

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IT IS A MATTER for congratulation that the Department of Track Athletics has been rescued from the dusty corner in our activities which it has hitherto occupied, and re-established in the esteem of the College. The schedule of the present manager calls for work by the department during the major portion of the college year. The term now with us has witnessed a relay with Dartmouth, and an Indoor Meet in Utica and a trip to New York are still in prospect. With such inducements as these a large squad has been practicing faithfully and this work cannot help but count when the department is really put to it in the spring. There is no apparent reason why this branch of our athletics should not rival all the others in strength, and indeed, great strides have already been taken in that direction. Much of the credit of this revival must of necessity be given to the present captain and manager and their immediate predecessors. For the College we bespeak a continuance and growth of interest which will carry the Track season, already inaugurated under highly favorable auspices, to a most successful termination.

LIFE HAS SO OFTEN WIELDED the editorial club and thwacked the College into a semblance of action that the operation is becoming a trifle wearisome to both parties. The weekly upheaval of bile can hardly serve as a relish to Tuesday's breakfast. But notwithstanding this, there are some uncompromising facts with which we have to deal. And the first of these is that we, as a college, have never realized the duty which was laid upon us by the granting of a holiday on Washington's birthday. Dr. Stryker has stated the case succinctly and clearly to us—the day is made free from recitations that nothing may stand in the way of a patriotic celebration. This is a moral obligation laid upon the entire college and is not the less binding because it relies upon each man's sense of honor and right to bring him to the Chapel at the hour announced. The pitiful handfuls of men who have constituted these audiences in the past have but served to emphasize the futility of the annual appeal. With this condition imposed upon us, and with our tacit and in some cases active consent, there can be no excuse or palliation for the man who deliberately decides to get out from under this obligation.

All of which is preparatory to the statement that we have this morning a chance to vindicate ourselves in the eyes of the President. It would seem that we need such vindication. He himself has chosen to speak to us today, and aside from all question of duty, we should rejoice in the opportunity to listen to the inspiring address which he will assuredly deliver. It is a day set aside, and it will be well spent if we follow out the program which has been laid down for us. We look to see the Chapel well filled by the College—meaning, of course, the entire College.

THE THREATENED COLLAPSE OF THE Interclass Series in Basketball is reason enough for some serious reflection and consequent alarm. The unfortunate illness of the Director of Intramural Sports has thus far retarded the series. But the trouble seems to be more deep-seated than would at first appear from a cursory examination into our athletic condition. The present administration is a firm advocate of the new idea in athletics, holding to the proposition that all the men in college should have the benefit of athletic training if they so desire, and that every inducement should be offered them along these lines. It is by means of this theory that we may most easily explain the abolition of Intercollegiate Basketball and the aid and encouragement which is now given to Intramural Sports. Just at present the College seems to feel a trifle sulky and has the appearance of refusing bread which is offered in a kindly spirit, simply because it can get only half a loaf. We d not mean to urge upon the College a listless and perfunctory series of Interclass games. Without launching forth into a panegyric upon the many benefits which cannot help but accrue from a lusty spirit of class rivalry, we can only entrust the interclass series into the hands of this phantom and accompany it with our earnest hopes of action. Our fears may be premature, but they are founded upon retrospect as much as introspect. We can only urge upon the College that the conditions for a successful Interclass schedule have never been so favorable, and that such would afford pleasure and profit for the remainder of the term. May the mantle of the Director of Intramural Sports fall upon someone who will push the series to a successful conclusion.

THE UTICA PRESS OF LAST Wednesday has the following editorial comment on the renomination of Dr. Davenport:

"As yet no one has risen up to remark that he wants to beat Senator Davenport for a renomination. He had a lusty, a dusty, and a husky fight on his hands the first time and because he got in right and followed up his advantage he won. A good many said that because he had the machine backing he would take the machine mandates and be opposed to the policies of Governor Hughes, and direct nominations in particular. He held his peace on this topic for quite a period and nobody knew just where he was at, but when he landed he landed on the right side with both feet and today he is recognized as one of the Hughes lieutenants and one of his strongest, staunchest, and most appreciated supporters. He has been diligently attentive to his duties as senator. His record has been such as to increase his popularity, and of course his experience of one term is an asset to the people in the next. The understanding now is that there will be no one to contest the case with him and a renomination will be conceded."

This comment, bearing the weight of semi-authority, will be a source of satisfaction to the College. We have watched his political career from the outset, always confident in his success, always appreciative of his eminent fitness for public office. Dr. Davenport is an admirable exponent of the new-style politician. He regards public office as held in trust to the sovereign people and is ever mindful of their claims. Absolutely unswerving in the face of vilifying criticism and

threats of political decapitation, he has appealed his case from the bosses to the people, and won. He has come to be recognized as that rare bird in the modern political atmosphere, namely a faithful steward, and we cannot but regard it as a serious error in judgment on the part of the voters in his district if he is not returned. We, for the College whose privilege it is to be instructed by him, wish him all the political preferment that he may desire.

TRACK PROSPECTS BRIGHT

With over twenty men trying out for the Indoor Track Team, with a Relay Team entered in the Columbia University Games at Madison Square Garden on March 12th, and with an Indoor Meet and Relay Race with either Rochester or R. P. I. on the 17th or 18th of March, winter athletic activities in the college have seldom been in a more flourishing condition. Nearly every man of those entered is reporting regularly for practice in the Gym. "And," says Captain Knox, "consider the amount of training our new material is getting; when we begin again in the Spring, we'll have a month's start."

The candidates are being coached at present by the members of last year's team. The high jumpers are working under the instruction of Wheeler, '10, while the distance men are in charge of Capt. Knox, '10, and Abbott, '10. Baldwin, '10, who excelled in the weight events last year, is coaching those entered in the shot-put and reports that considerable progress is being made. Capt. Knox is putting the finishing touches on the work of the Relay Team, as well as directing the coaching of the sprinters. Donaldson, '12, is in charge of the pole vault.

The men who are out for the various events are the following: Knox, Abbott and Renwick, '10; Gaige, '11; Bates, DuBourdieu and Eggleston, '12, and Landon, Pilch, Stratton and Taylor, '13, have reported for the longer runs, while Colson, E. H. Jones and Willard, '11, Donaldson, DuBois, Marsh and Peters, '12, and Forrest, Meyer, Landon, Roberts, Shaul and True, '13, are doing the sprints. Brasted, '10, and Colson, '11, are running the hurdles, and Day, '11, and Donaldson, '12, the pole vault. For the high and broad jumps, Sherwin and Wheeler, '10, Colson and Willard, '11, Allen, Alvord, Bagg and Plant, '12, and Meyer, Townsend and Woods, '13, are the candidates. Baldwin and Sherwin, '10, Donaldson and D. Root, '12, and T. Jessup, Thompson and Williams, '13, are handling the weights.

The program of events for the Utica meet consists of the mile and half-mile runs, the 100-yard dash, the 30-yard dash, the high jump, the standing broad jump, the shot-put, the pole vault, and the one-mile relay. Two men from each college will be entered in each event. Only the first two places will be scored, first position counting five points and second three. The relay, the result of which is to be counted in the final score, will score eight points. The meet will be held in the State Armory under the management of the Track Department, and will probably occur on March 17. As yet no officials have been selected.

As regards the Columbia games, it is not known who Hamilton's opponents will be. The relay race which was to have been run with Union at Troy today has been cancelled by that university.

1912 LOSES TO CLINTON

In a game replete with sensational features, the Sophomore Basketball Team was forced to acknowledge defeat at the hands of the Clinton High School Independents on Wednesday evening by a score of 30-35. The game proper resulted in a tie score, 30-30, but by common consent five minutes of additional play was allowed, during which Clinton, thru the phenomenal work of Chaney, scored five points and won the game. Scollard Opera House was crowded with an enthusiastic audience, which applauded the playing of both teams to the echo.

The contest started with a clean goal by C. Root, followed almost immediately by a successful shot by Chaney. For the first few minutes both teams kept abreast in the scoring, neither being able to secure a lead of more than four points. During this half both 1912 and Clinton were handicapped by the slippery condition of the floor, altho the latter team excelled in pasing. The Sophomores failed to strike the pace which they had displayed in practice and the half ended with a score of 13-15 in favor of Clinton.

In the second half, C. Root again started the scoring, this time making a basket on a particularly long shot. At this point Clinton seemed to receive a new lease of life and proceeded to make basket after basket, advancing the score to 18-28. Here the Sophomores took a decided brace and thru exceptionally brilliant shooting and passing by Regin and C. Root, scored six baskets in quick succession. In the last minute of play Scoones obtained the ball and tied the score with a difficult shot from the side. After a short intermission play was resumed with the above-mentioned result.

For the Sophomores, Regin and C. Root played exceptionally brilliant games. Knox and Peters excelled in floor work, while D. Root covered his man and followed the ball closely. For Clinton, Scoones and Chaney were the particular stars. The summary:

1912		CLINTON
C. Root		Scoones
	Right Forward	
Peters		Chaney
	Left Forward	
Regin		Restle
	Center	
D. Root		Brayton
	Right Guard	
Knox		Taylor
	Left Guard	

Goals from field: C. Root 6, Regin 6, Knox 1, Chaney 6, Restle 1, Brayton 3, Taylor 2. Goals from fouls: C .Root 4, Scoones 2, Chaney 1. Referee and umpire, alternating: Moore, ex-'09, and Lenahan. Timekeepers, Bates, '12, and C. Lenahan. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

INDOOR MEET AUTHORIZED

At a special meeting of the Advisory Board, Thursday, the management of the Track Department was authorized to arrange for an Indoor Meet in Utica during March with either Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, or Rochester University, in place of the meet with Union previously authorized. Hamilton and Union were unable to agree on the date and program, but either Rochester or R. P. I. will be glad to close a contract.

Assistant Manager Peck is making negotiations for the use of the National Guards' Armory in Utica. A satisfactory date in the middle or latter part of March will probably be settled upon .

CURRENT COMMENT

"Hamilton College has adopted a new system of financing athletics. A board of estimate and apportionment has been appointed, which determines the amount of money needed by each branch of athletics for a season and levies a tax on the student body for the amount, the per capita tax to be paid when the college term bills fall due. Any student who demonstrates to the board that he is unable to meet the tax may be excused from paying the entire amount, or as much as is necessary. If a man who is capable of contributing to the fund does not respond when the tax falls due he is barred from all college activities and loses his vote in athletic association meetings."

—*The New Yorker* (N. Y. Univ.)

—Profesor Miller, who has recorded the fall of snow thus far, states that the measurements show a fall of over 93 inches. This is phenomenal for this vicinity.

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HILL NOTES

—Schlager, '13, has left college.

—Thompson, '00, was on the Hill last week.

—Batchelor, '13, has been elected Manager of the Freshman Baseball Team.

—The Freshmen play the Colgate Freshmen and Cooperstown High School next week in Basketball.

—Ogilvie, '13, has withdrawn from competition for the Assistant Managership of Baseball.

—New bookcases have been added to the Library to receive the recent gift of a portion of the late Professor Oren Root's library.

—C. H. Hall, '10, and Hopkins, '12, are confined to their room with diphtheria. Neither case is serious and the men are under strict quarantine.

—The Y .M. C. A. officers are making a special effort to collect their subscriptions and would appreciate a prompt payment on the part of all.

—Following the custom of the past years, the French Club is devoting its time to modern comedy. "Le Voyage de Monsieur Perrechon" will be read Thursday.

—This morning at eleven o'clock exercises will be held in the Chapel in honor of Washington's Birthday. Dr. Stryker will be the speaker, delivering an address on "Abraham Lincoln." Dr. Stryker states that the occasion is one of national significance and that the story of the life of any great American, therefore, is important.

BASEBALL OUTLOOK

Baseball practice has started with the usual rush of pre-season enthusiasm, and the candidates for positions on the Varsity are working daily in the Gym. The number of men trying for the team is sufficiently large to insure a strong squad for late Spring practice. Several of the experienced men of last year's team have not as yet reported, and the conflict with the Musical Clubs' practice has made the work up to the present time somewhat uncertain. However, it is expected that the regular routine practices will begin this week.

The battery practice of the last two weeks has given promise of a strong pitching staff. With Manion, Allen and Drummond as a nucleus, and with the possibility of developing Varsity material from the Freshman candidates, this department will be unusually dependable. The chief weakness in the positions is the uncertainty concerning catchers. Thus far the men trying for the position have done consistent work, but the available material does not offer a large range of choice. Capt. Judson, who caught several games last year, but whose services are most needed at short-stop, is giving special attention to the development of a catcher. Among the new candidates for battery positions are Wiliams and Porter, '13, pitchers, and Gould, Fear and Callahan, '13, catchers.

The infield should be especially fast this season, judging from the number of candidates. Among these are several who have played on the regular squad for some time. Those trying for first base are Mitchell, Ralston, Allen, '11, and Woods, '13; second base, Hallock, Knox, '12, and Batchelor, '13; third base, Titus, '10, Getman, '11, and Roberts, '13; short stop, Judson, '10, Batchelor, '13. Little is known of the new candidates for the infield, but it is expected that they will develop some fast fielding material.

Altho the outfield still has most of its last year's strength, several new candidates will make the competition for these positions keen. Among the promising candidates are Sarles, '10, Lovenguth, '10, Root and Drummond, '12, Evans, Rodger and Roberts, '13.

The main difficulty with last year's game was the inability of the team to hit. In consequence ,a great deal of attention will be given to batting, and team hitting will be sought for. Considerable attention will also be given to base sliding. With this plan of developing and playing the "inner game" the efficiency of the team as a whole should be greatly increased, and the results should make for success during the coming season.

THE NEW IDEA IN ATHLETICS

In a recent article Mr. Walter Camp gives what is perhaps the sanest word for sane athletics. The New Idea which he discusses may be divided into two steps. The first is that school and college are no longer split into the athletic and the non-athletic; that every boy has the right to a certain amount of play every day, and that forced exercise does not furnish all that is required in this respect; that the play instinct is not satisfied entirely by this kind of exercise.

Secondly, that athletic sports and games are of immense value in disciplining the mind and body, and are just as necessary, aside from any benefit to health, as the educational training. An effort is now being made to put pressure, not by law, but by attraction, upon the man who burns the midnight oil and forgets his physical side in search of mental training.

There is a steadily increasing appreciation of the broader development, and of the belief that age should take an interest in the sports of youth; in fact, age itself should carry on certain sports suited to its years into later years and even to the end of life. This breadth of view is bringing up a better race and a happier one. Schools, more or less dreaded in the past, are now loved by the boys.

No better illustration could be given of the actual condition of affairs than to take the notices in one day's copy of the average daily college publication. First comes the swimming schedule giving the dates of the meetings thru the winter and the classes for the various men. Then there is the hare-and-hounds paper chase. Following these are the field and track contests and indoor work is beginning. Calls follow first for the college hockey team, then the freshman hockey team, the college basketball team and the freshman basketball team, cross-country team, a call for wrestling, then the water-polo men, the gymnasium team, and last of all the meeting of the yacht club. All these are a sample of one day's notices.

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